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FIRST NAMED INVENTOR ATTORNEY DOCKET NO FILING DATE APPLICATION NO. SHINOHARA M 09/275,578 03/24/99 2803.62981 **EXAMINER** IM52/0905 PATRICK G BURNS BERNATZ K PAPER NUMBER ART UNIT GREER BURNS & CRAIN SUITE 8660 - SEARS TOWER 1773

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Advisory Action	09/275,578	SHINOHARA ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Kevin M Bernatz	1773
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THE REPLY FILED 10 August 2001 FAILS TO PLACE Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of App Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.	avoid abandonment of this appli (1) a timely filed amendment wh	cation. A proper reply to a ich places the application in
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a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this A event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WA 706.07(f).	dvisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of	of the final rejection.
Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of ext 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shorter (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).	ension and the corresponding amount of the led statutory period for reply originally set in	e fee. The appropriate extension fee under the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in
1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellar 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.192(a)).		
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered	because:	
(a) X they raise new issues that would require fur	ther consideration and/or search	(see NOTE below);
(b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note	e below);	
(c)  they are not deemed to place the application issues for appeal; and/or	n in better form for appeal by ma	terially reducing or simplifying the
(d) they present additional claims without cand	celing a corresponding number of	finally rejected claims.
NOTE: New embodiments are created that we	ere not previously searched or consid	dered.
3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejo	ection(s):	
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) wou canceling the non-allowable claim(s).	ld be allowable if submitted in a	separate, timely filed amendment
5.⊠ The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request application in condition for allowance because:		
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered by raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.	ecause it is not directed SOLELY	to issues which were newly
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendme explanation of how the new or amended claims		
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follow	<b>'S</b> :	
Claim(s) allowed:		
Claim(s) objected to: 1.		
Claim(s) rejected: <u>1-3,5-9 and 12</u> .	•	
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:		
8. The proposed drawing correction filed on	is a)□ approved or b)□ disap	proved by the Examiner.
9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statem	nent(s)( PTO-1449) Paper No(s).	·

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10. Other: